

Macbooks for Newbies

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Congratulations!

Here's a quick list of resources for Mac newbies - you have a powerful machine, use it all, customize it and use it to invigorate your classroom!



Mac 101

A great first stop on your Mac journey from PC is right at Apple's homepage and is totally

free: <http://www.apple.com/support/mac101/> Apple.com is loaded with features and support including software updates, free downloads and Mac news. Go through the five lessons for a solid overview.

Stop #2:

www.macupdate.com, the fastest way to find out if there's a Mac way to do what you enjoyed doing on your PC.



Stop #3: iTunes - there's a load of FREE things at iTunes, namely podcasts. In the case of Mac tips, check out the *iLifeZone* podcast. But there's a load of free educational podcasts too, just search and hit "subscribe".

Stop #4: The Essential Mac Resources Page

http://www.ftbraden.leon.k12.fl.us/mac/mac_resources.html

The Tip Zone

Tip 1: Viruses? Adaware? Firewalls? Let the negative energy go, you're done with these concepts.

Tip 2: Right Click? Get a two button mouse! Or on a Macbook, hold down "ctrl" to get the pop up.

Tip 3: Don't like Safari for a browser? Go to www.mozilla.com and download Firefox, it's free.

Tip 4: Screen Zoom: Apple+Option+8 to turn it on, Apple+Option+plus or minus to zoom in and out

Tip 5: Acrobat, Schmacrobat, open PDFs with Preview. *Make* PDFs by hitting print and picking the PDF button, bottom left.

Tip 6: To play Windows Media Video files, download a) Flip4Mac and then b) Perian (find them at macupdate) - you'll be able to play 99% of what's out there.

Tip 7: "Installing" programs - double click on this disk OR drag the file to the Applications folder. Done. Drag it to the Dock, get it easy!

Tip 8: Maintenance - Go to Applications>Utilities>open Disk Utility.app, click on Macintosh HD, repair disk permissions, wait 5-10 minutes. Do this once a month.

Tip 9: Adding a printer. While in Utilities, drag Printer Setup Utility into the dock. Then hit add printer, you'll see your printer if it's plugged in, hit "add" - print. Network printers: Same process.

Tip 10: Wireless is easy. Go to the Apple menu and pick "Location" to pick special setups- including wired and wireless. Easy logins are now a yes. Also, check signal strength at the upper right, switch sources there too.

Tip 11: Software Update. A good thing, use it. Find it under the Apple menu. Updates come out somewhat randomly, so take a look once in a while.

Tip 12: Apple+Shift+4 allows screen shots of select sections of the screen, no need for "Snagit".

Use the iLife Suite:

iPhoto - hooks to any camera, no software, make slideshows, videos, burn all the pix to a CD or DVD. Tweak your images, crop, add effects.

iDVD - easy to make DVDs with the full on moving menus, still pictures, but you'll need a DVD burner, (an internal or external drive will work).

GarageBand - make music, using 1000 loops, no copyright issues, even video podcasts.

iMovie - oh! lots of fun. Use the built in camera and mic to make movies, even time lapse clips. Use the iMovie Getting Started link under "help" and look for the tutorial -a feature available in most all Mac programs.

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